# THE AFRICAN EXPEDITION,

UNDER THE COMMAND OF HENRY M. STANLEY,

For the Relief and Succor of Dr. Emin Pacha, the Friend of Gen. Gordon.

Lennon, Dreember 21.-[Special to ne New York Herald.]-The interest felt by British geographers in the fate of Emin Pacha, who is now making such a desperately brave stand in Equatorial Africa, was well shown by today's meeting of the Council of the Royal Geographical Society at their rooms, near Burlington Arcade. Nearly every member of the Council was present, which is a very unusual event. After hours of sharp discussion of the various routes the Council decided to adjourn action until Stanley's arrival tomorrow shall give them benefit of his knowledge of the

A F. UNDER OF THE PROJECT. After the meeting of the Council was over I saw the gentleman by whose enterprise the project of relieving Emin reached the present stage. not having his name used until the

expedition is well under way.

He said: "All the money needed for the expedition has been already raised and will be placed in Sanley's hands when he assumes command We wish to do as the Herald did in its Livingstone expedition, tell bim, Here are so many thousand pounds. go and find Emin by the shortest and est war, but choose your own route hamber you in any way."
"We shall have £10,000 from the

Egyptian Government; the rest we shall raise among ourselves. The amount stready raised? Well, that need not be mentioned, it is all that is

Among other noted authorities re garding Africa whom I have seen the following interviews give the best idea of the present position of affairs. BIR JOHN EIFE'S VIEW.

At Saven Oaks, near London, in a house full of African curiosities, I found Sir John Kirk, British Consul General to Zuzbar. After a little talk about Emin Pacha, who is personally known to Kirk and for whom he has the highest admiration, Sir John gave me an idea of the condition of affairs on the Zanzibar coast.

Hesaid: "Emin Pacha does not want to leave his Central African Province. He could at any time fight his way out to Zauzibar, but to do this he would be compelled to leave be-hind all the Ezyptian officials with their families. These men would be at once killed, and the Province then would relapse into barbasism under the control of the slave traders. "Emin is a man of Gordon's stamp,

and will be killed with his men rather than desert them. He is a very re-markable man. Cut off entirely from European support, surrounded on all sides by powerful enemies, he rules several millions of natives with such vigor and justice that they will fight for him—sven after they are naked and detitute of all supplies. "So far he has besten back the

Mahdi's forces from the North and prevented serious attacks by the slave traders from the East and South. His province is a very rich country, but so uncivilized that he collects his revenue in ivory, which he is forced to sell to the Arab treders in order to obtain European goods. In the midst of such a country, with fighting on all sides of him, he has taught the negroes to weave cloth, make shoes and cultivate tobacco. He has also made i natural history collection of great scientific value. In one of his latest letters to me be says he is out of sugar and tea and all European supplies, and short even of ammunition, but he

him is too populous to anabie him to fight muskets and spears with spears alone. As it is now his 4000 negro troops are mainly dressed in skins. It would be impossible for a military force to fight its way through to Emin. An armed caravan, such as that Thomson used in going through this country, could easily reach Emin, but only by paying blackmail to the na-African blackmail of this type is much the same thing as your American custom duties. gross, in fact, are rather more polite than you Americans, since they do not insist on searching your luggage when you closs their territory.

THE WICKED KING OF PRANDA. Stanley's route from the Zars'bar coust, over Like Victoria Nysna, through the Uganda country, would be the best and quickest way of reach-ing Emin, if the King of Uganda were not a cruel despot upon whom not the dependence can be placed When he heard some months ago that min was retreating via Unyoro to Uganda the king sent a large war expedition which killed 10,000 Unyoro negroes before they found it was a false report about Emin. It is true the King allowed Dr. Junker to pass through his country from Em n Par wo barmed, but this was because Junker was poor and almost alone, and therefore not fested as coming to eat up the c. u try.

DIFFICULTIES AND LANGERS.

"The expedition to relieve Emin must be a large one. The suspicious of the King are certain to be roused by he aze, and by letters a so from the foreign era 'ere, who are soxious to prevent England taking their place in Costrai Al La.

"There are no large beats on the Victoria, hence the expedition would la so in smail detachments in Uganda and be cut off in detail, probably, or be made prisoners on landing. The Coogs rouse by Mchangi or Biyerra is Impossible. One cannot risk 200 miles o' an absolutely unknown country, and no one is able to tell how many months such an expedition would take. Beside, it would be recessary to brigg porters from Z inzibar, for the Congo negroes are not trained to that sort of work. The Congo Free State depends, even now, upon Zanzibar s egrors for ab r

"Felkin's route to the west and south of Uganda would be both long Uganda, where the King is very powerful. The improved route to the mutheast of Uganda I regard as the shortest and makes, a practicable one for camels, or donkers could be used pesses along a detrict where the King of Ugan ta is least powerful. "ity this route I think Emin could

Supplies must not be brought from England, as fashions change so in Af-rica. When I traveled with Living-stone we got our heads in England, but could not trade them for food, the natives said they were old fash-ioned; they wanted new heads.

"Postically the worst thing that could happen to such an expedition would be to have its members held prisoners. This would lead to many complications, whereas if they were ki led it would only mean a new expedition."

AN EXPERIENCED APRICAN TRAVELER Col. J. T. Grant, the companion of Speke in many rine through Equa-torial Africa, had just returned to his Grosvenor street house from Scotland, where he has not kept himself fully informed regarding the proposed expedition. He thought any route possible for Stanley, but, personally, would prefer the east coast route from Zazbar through Ugands, which is quite well snows, whereas there is much entirely new country from the Congo to Emin. As a geographer he would best like to see Stanley take the long route from Congo to Emin, returning by the north of Uganda to Za: zibar. This, if successful, would settle several geographical points of

grast interest. An armed force would simply com plicate matters. It would be far better to take a small force and submit to Ha is a wealthy merchant, identified ter to take a small force and submit to with African research, but desirous of all sorts of blackmail. If no native wars were going on he thought they might make the trip, by way of Zinz-bar, in seven months from England. Grant thought Emin could leave his province when he wanted to. His life was apparently in no danger, even if his ammunition gives out, as his troops are more accustomed to fight with spears than guns. If Emin had arsen cal soap and ammunition he could retain control of his province indefinitely. He acknowledged, however, that Emin, if he left the province, must desert the Egyptism offi-cials, whose half dezen wives and endless number of children it would not be possible to bring south. Also, that his valuable reientific collection would be lost in such an event.

A CONGO COMMISSIONER. Gen. Goldsmid, the great Persian traveler, had also some experience in Africa when he was appointed Commissioner to the Congo by the King of the Be giana. At hough not knowing anything about the Maoangi river he thought the Zunibar coast route to Emin much better than the Congo route, parily because the country between Zanzibar and Emin is well known by native traders, who could he engag d by guides, while the other route has 300 miles of utterly unknown

It would be madness to attempt to go through Uganda land. Of the routes north and south of Uganda he thought Thompson's northern routs the most dangerous.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Where was now the young Prince bern? In a stable, bleak and orn! Through the broken roof the sky Glimmered soft and duskily; and the Haby's first sweet ory Meon and stars bent low to hear; The frest was glittering silver clear. Baby Prince, what place was this for Thee? Palace halls Thine eyes should one to see. Was the Prince's cradle bed
With fair cunning fashioned—
Gold of crows for its hus,
Or like snowdrop "lear as daw,
Pearl and emeraid gleaming through,
Rainbow draperies falling e'er.
Drifting on a marble floor?
In a manger Baby limbs were chill,
But the Orga should spread all harder still

Was a circ of small and brave,
Such as baby shows might have.
Laid all stitlering, fairs fine,
Os with bed hund, it owned
soften haby's looks did shine;
often haby's looks did shine;
New rook in all the world
like the suc-threads wined and curied;
Is small rings above o'as brows of morn;
These shad have one day a crown of them. Were the Prince's baby elethes. Cloth of silver flushed with rose

Cautrous purple shot with gold?
Swadiling rags did Him enfold.
Shivered Reand watest with cold:
And the mother paled and pressed
Gover to tarte der breast
This King's son, we bould His baby state
In so atrange a place and desplate. and short even of ammunition, but he aske, only for arsenic to enable him to continue his natural history collection.

MUST PAY BLACKMAIL.

"A'ter his ammunition is exhausted Emn will be unable to keep back the Mahdi's forces. The region near him is too populous to anable him to

Lavely was the Prince's court, Shephard lads did there e cort In poor giractis and numest.
Saw the m ther pale and sweet.
Kas the baby statte feet.
He was all in ait to her.
Came three kings with gold and myrth,
Guided by a strange star in the air;
Likewise dwelt the meek St. Joseph there.

Ass and oven gazed all mild
On the mother and the Child
Who had dispossesses them so;
(lazed with great type soft and slow,
Wistful with some patient woe
Yearning on the Buby's face.
On the mother's fell of grace.
Lave all daub things better for His sake,
who with those His first sojourn did makef

Was the Baby fair to see?
Fairer than all flowers that be—
Lovely were the bine, blue eyes,
Larze and deep and gravely wise,
Violats grawn in paradise;
Little dimnied hands and root,
Roschuds when the June's sweet.
On the silken head the surrent's sheen,
Tenderest lips the world hath ever seen

Oh, I know his Father's halls—
Indian floor and crystal walk—
hase all states for away!
Why did at leave them, Inby, say!
For the manger filled with hay?
Lowe the palace, fair and warm.
Far the stable in the storm.
Far the carth whose welcome was so poor,
Even that ims 'gainst Thee had closed their
duor?

In the rapture and the bliss
Where Thy Wather's presence is,
hats mine! Thy heart was sore
For the pain that evermore
Wailed upon the sad out his shore—
Hearts that broke and hearts that bled,
Hearts that went unconforted;
And Thy crown and royal robes did'st deffYea. Thy kingly state Thou did'st put off

Did'st take pain and poverty.
This Thy birth-place has I see;
sid'st take for Thise own mother
spoure of spee est enter—
Theu did'st ting and cleave to ber,
nid thy youth in lowiness,
dealed all wee and all distrass
for thy Christship's guerdon and its fame,
Died upon the cross, the death of shame!

By the Rabs who crici with cold first his first hour waxed old; fir the Babs who shed His blood The ninth day of babyhood; fly the Ray as fair and good On His Father's business bant; By the lovely manhood spent For all pain an sie and care and lors; By the looken beart upon the cross!

By the broken heart upon the cross.

To the Christ all love and praise!
In the holy Christmas days;
In the autumn's long dying.
In the autumn's long dying.
Alle uis! Christ the King!
Fad hearts, glad hearts, hear the call—He hath tendernees for all.
Alleluis! chant the praisaful word
For the Babe and Boy and Men and Lord!
—Katherise Tynan.

# A Second Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 24 an I dangerous. It would be through mushes in a fly country, forbidding the ne of pack enimals, and would be long exposed to attack from West have been dissati fi d over the recent rules of the company, and who re-turned to work yesterday, again s rock the morning, and trains were reported as budy blocked between the falls of Schuy kill and Port Richmond. Nine schooners are lying in the dooks waning to receive their be carily reached in eight months cargon of coat, and from present indi-from England. No, I would not agree cations they will not be loaded for to get there in lesthan eight months. | some time.

THE COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SINCE DECEMBER 1.

The Effect of the War Rumors in Europe and the Political Dis. turbance in England.

New York, December 24.—R G. Dan & Co. have is used the following trade review for the past week: Was rumors have given character to a week otherwise dult. With Burope arming and political prospects in Great Britain all unsettled by Churchill's resignation, chances of disturbance abroad are engarly discussed in American markets, and better prices for wheat have resulted. Speculation was stagnant. Sales for three weeks

| Past | Past | Pastous First Wk | Week | Week | December | | Shares stock | 2,250 000 3,055,000 6,072,000 Bushels wheat | 25,754,000 62,362,000 8,745,000 Bushels corn | 2,674,000 5,365,000 81,40 0,205,000 Barrels oil | 12,257,000 25,252,000 87,665,000

Foreign investors continue to hold stocks and send gold. Last week the Bank of England lost \$3,920,000 and the Bank of France \$3,650,000 gold. Part of these remittances may be required to cover reported needs of Britich companies in the cattle trade, which overproduction and the powerful clutch of the Chicago ring have rendered embarrassing to some foreign inv-stors. Freedom for the meat traffic would help British capitalists as well as American consumers. But the demands resulting from the fall in socculative securities I ave been beavy and so far have been met by remittances rather than by sales. An actual outbreak of war acroad might cause realizing, but when everybody is armed, as a rule, nobody fights. But on Wednesday and Thursday the war reports and heavy freight engagements suddenly made wheat actve, with sales of 6,000,000 to 8,000,600 bushess daily, and the price rose 12

Corn declined during the week 1 cent; park products closed about as a

THE COTTON MOVEMENT has been large. R ceipts now exceed those of the lest crop year to date, and exports also are about as much as

usual at this season. THE DRY GOODS MARKET grows dull, but standard brown cottons have advanced and dealers are reckoning up fa'r profis. Woolens are in a transition period; for dress fabrics the mills are well occupied. Woolens Prices for heavy goods are not yet adjusted to the higher cost of material, and strike between two rival makers has disorganized the carpet trade.

THE VOLUME OF BUSINESS at the West is large beyond precedent, as back clearings prove. In the East the increase is irregular and large where speculation is active. At the South there is still shrinkage in vol-ume with less satisfactory collections, except where new manufactures give new life. The Pennsylvania railroad reports a decrease in net earnings of \$89,560 for November, the attempted advance in East bound rates is not inforced, and the Alton and Rock Island road gives notice of withdrawal from the Pacific Coast Association. But of the general activity there is striking proof in the week's movement

of 17,212 loaded cars at Indianapo is. The Treasury has put out nearly a million gold, a million legal tenders and over two and a half million silver certificates during the week.

Money is p'entifu', but payments in silver at the New York Custom house were 9 and are now 16 per cent, of the The business failures throughout

the country during the last seven days number for the United States 231, and for O nada 3z, or a total of 263, as

compared with a total of 285 last week

### and 274 the week pravious. A REMARKABLE CASE

Of the Increased Value of Laud-The Original Record Torn From the County Register.

NEW YORK, D cember 24 .- At the beginning of the present century Reger Merritt owned three sections of land in Westchester county, adjoining the then village of Sawpitts. lessed a part of the property and died intestate in 1810. Under the lesse, filed in White Plains in 1802, subsequent small leases for parts of the land were made to several parties for niuety-nine years. Then the old house and lands we e converted into business places, and in 1860 the in-habitasts incorporated the place into the village of Port Chester. The land on which the village stands is valued now at \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. In the year 1860 the leaf in the Register's office containing the record of the original lease was torn cut by some unknown person, the only evidence of it being in the index. The matter was put into the hands of an attorney, who finally got a clew and left yester-day for a small town in Alabama, where, it is claimed, the identical missing leaf is in the possession of the family of John Merrit, a son of the original owner, who quarreled with his brothers, and the claim is that he tore it out through spite.

# CHRISTMAS GIFTS

For 3600 Families - A Noble Charity.

CLEVELAND, O., D. camber 24,-Some time are the Leader started a Christmas dinner fand for the worthy poor of the city. Contributions poured in and this morning the fund amounted to \$3600. At 9 o'clock the distribution began. There were 3600 baskets and each backet contained a large turkey, a peck of potatoes, a half pound of butter, a two pound loaf of bread, a half dozen onions, three or four or-anges, parsely, etc. The baskets were given out at the great Tabernacle on Ontario street. A Christmas card was tied to each basket with directions in English, German and Bohemian for cooking a sumptuous Christmas dinner with the mat ral furnished. Some of the people who applied for tickets had sick ones in their families and in such a case a special mark was placed on their card. For these, 500 separate baskets had been piled up. In each one was placed a quart can of oysters. The crowd was very large and the distribution was the greatest thing of the kind in the history of the

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Car Works Bestroyed by Fire. HARRIBBURG, Pa., December 24.—
The car works of Schall & King at
Middletown were almost wholly destroyed by fire this morning. Loss,
\$150,000 The fire days thread. The fire started in the

boiler room at 2:30 o'clock and despite the efforts of the firemen six sub-stantial brick buildings, including the curpenter and construction, machine pattern and blacksmith shops and planing mill were destroyed. The foundry and office and a lew sheds were saved. It is likely the works will at once he rebuilt About 155 men are thrown out of work. An insurance of \$40,000 was carried, part of which was on the saved buildings.

## TELEGRAMS.

Washington, December 24 -All de-partments will be closed tomorrow,

Augusta, Me., Decamber 24 .- Mr. Blaine's attack of gout was only for a day. He has entirely recovered and is at work.

Baltimore, Md., December 24 .- Morton D. Banka, furniture desler, made an assignment to ay to C. C. Isaars for the benefit of his creditors. The bond of the trustee is \$ 0,000.

Buffalo, N. Y., December 24 -- Ches. Robinson Smith, of New York, today filed notice of appeal to the Supreme Court in the matter of the will of the lat - Francis Tracey, which was recently admitted to procate.

Washington, December 24.—It is authoritatively stated that no se ion will be taken by the President in the matter of the appointment of a sucrear to Surveyor General Ledbetter of Louisiana, dec and, until after the ho idays.

Long Island City, N. Y., December 24.—Tre loss by the fire at Maver & Lowenstein's Varoush Works last night a stated by a member of the firm to be between \$75,000 and \$90,000. The amount of insurance cannot yet be secertained, but is supposed to be about

St. Louis, Mo., December 24 -A special from Jophia, Mo., to the Post-Dispatch says: This morning Schwartz's dry goods store and Mme. Expelett's millinery store were destroyed by fire. Two frame buildings were also burned. Los, \$30,000; in uranes about half that amount.

Chicago, Iil., December 24.-Av Evening Journal special from Minneapolis says: The six day bicycle race. twenty-four hours a day, now being ridden in this city, is showing some remarkable work. Up to 10 o'clock this mo ning (the 105th hour) W. J. Morgan had scored 1049 miles, 6 laps; Alber: Schoos 1049 miles, and Mile. Louise Armaindo 916 miles and 5 laps.

Newark, O., December 24 -Bradford Dunham, general manager of the Baltimore and Onio rellroid, who has been here since the desth of Col. Forcacre, has sent his resignation to headquarters, at Batimore. Gen. Orland Smith, third vice president, is here to assume the duties of the position for the present.

Van Wert, O., Decamber 24.-In June last the Union National Bank, of Cincionati, sent by United States Ex-press \$10,000 to the Van Wert Na-tional Bank. When the package reached the Van Wert bank it consained no money: Suit was brought against the express company, and the jury in ten minutes gave a verdict for the money and interest.

New York, December 24,-When the ferryboat Atlantic, of the South ferry, was making her slip at 7:30 o'clock this morning she collided with the Northfield, of the Staten Island ferry, which was just leaving her stip. The guard rail and bow of the Atlan-tic was badly smashed, and the Northfield's rudder was carried away. Ed ward Cosgrove, a p saengor on the Atlantic, had his right leg taken off below the knee.

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